

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 2113**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Anderson et al. Confirmation No.: 7373
Serial No.: 10/820,177 Group Art Unit: 2113
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Title: ARBITRATION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDUNDANT
CONTROLLERS, WITH OUTPUT INTERLOCK AND AUTOMATIC
SWITCHING CAPABILITIES

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Response to Final Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the final Office Action mailed May 18, 2007, in connection with the above-designated U.S. patent application. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.